



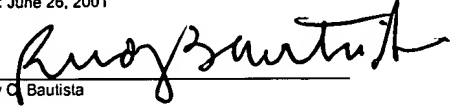
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Applicant: ELDRIDGE ET AL.

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Art Unit: 2839

Examiner: Son Nguyen

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated May 29, 2001, the Applicants respectfully elect the 1st embodiment identified by the Examiner (i.e., corresponding to Figs. 1A, 1B, 2-3, 5A, 6, and 16A), without traverse. The list of all claims readable on the elected species include Claims 1-21, 25-27, 38-41, and 48-64.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,



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